

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 121
By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Susan Norton upon
being named Russellville Elementary School's
Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to
specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the
highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Susan Norton is one such estimable educator who has distinguished herself
as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Norton has recently been selected as Teacher of the Year at
Russellville Elementary School, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as
it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Susan Norton received both her Bachelor of Science and Master of Science
degrees from the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, serving as a teacher with acumen and alacrity for eighteen years, Ms.
Norton has spent the past three years molding young lives as a K-2 physical education teacher
at Russellville; and

WHEREAS, before coming to Russellville, Susan Norton taught 7th grade science,
reading and English at West View and then served as the countywide physical education
teacher and the physical education teacher at Fairview, where she also served as the boys'
basketball coach; and

WHEREAS, she organizes, plans, and presents summer workshops for Hamblen County
physical education teachers, and also conducts her school's staff exercise program; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Norton serves as an American Red Cross swimming instructor and organizes the after-school volleyball intramural program; she is the coordinator for Jump Rope for Heart, AMA "Go Red," and St. Jude's Bike-A-Thon; and

WHEREAS, a respected member of her community, Ms. Norton devotes the majority of her community service to children; and

WHEREAS, Susan Norton is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Norton truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Susan Norton truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Susan Norton on being chosen as Teacher of the Year at Russellville Elementary School, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.